Aroclamation

Steben L. Beshear **Bohernor**

of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky



To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:

- WHEREAS, Mentoring is about people helping youth to succeed. Mentors are caring adults and peers who are good listeners, offering support and encouragement; and
- WHEREAS, Young people who are matched with mentors benefit greatly. They improve their selfconfidence, improve their attitudes, increase their interest in staying in school, improve relationships with peers and families, and are less likely to get involved in drugs and alcohol abuse and delinquent behavior; and
- WHEREAS, Mentoring benefits mentors as much, if not more than those being mentored. Mentors report that they improve their morale, learn more about themselves, strengthen their own values, gain a fresh perspective on their lives and feel more satisfied; and
- WHEREAS, Mentoring pays off. Mentoring is a sound investment in Kentucky's future; and
- WHEREAS, Kentucky needs more mentors to share what they know and "Pass it on. Mentor a child.";

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVEN L. BESHEAR, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim January 25, 2010, as

THANK YOUR MENTOR DAY

in Kentucky, and urge adults to become involved by volunteering as a mentor to make a positive difference in a youth's life.

> DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort this 11th day of January, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Ten and in the 218th year of the Commenwealth.

STEVEN L. BESHEAR

GOVERNOR

Gravson Secretary of \$tate

RECEIVED AND FILED TREY GRAYSON

SECRETARY OF STATE
COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY